



This presentation provides information to public and private providers of DDS supports and services so that they may educate consumers and staff about participating in the 2010 United States Census.

The Importance of Counting all Consumers, Staff, Providers and Families in the 2010 Census

Census Data Determines Who Gets \$400 Billion Annually – Are We Getting Our Share?

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Participation in the 2010 Census is Easy...

The Census contains 10 short questions for each person

- It should take about 10 minutes to complete the questions.
- Please complete the questionnaire and return it in the mail in the postage paid envelope.

It's Safe...

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share answers with anyone

- No individual answers are shared with anyone, including other federal, state or local government agencies:
- NOT the IRS,
- NOT the INS,
- NOT your landlord,
- NOT law enforcement,
- NOT anyone!

It's Safe...

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- No names are released.
- No mailing addresses are released.
- All Census employees (both full and part time) take a lifelong pledge not to release any personally identifiable information, any violation will result in a 5 year prison term and a \$250,000 fine.

It's Important...

Census data is used to award over \$400 billion in federal funds each year

- States and communities receive over \$400 billion in federal funds for hospitals, schools, transportation, and social services.
- States and communities may not receive proper funding when people are not counted in the 2010 Census.

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- Congressional Apportionment – Connecticut now has 5 House seats. This may change based on how Connecticut has grown relative to the entire nation.
- Local and State Redistricting – local and state voting districts will be redrawn using census counts.

5 Key Steps

to counting every person in the nation

Step 1:

- Census is underway. Census workers canvassed the country between April and July 2009 to update addresses and maps from the previous Census. This process is important because buildings that existed in the last census may no longer be standing, or a community may have new construction that needs to be recorded.

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Step 2:

- The form arrives. More than 130 million addresses throughout the nation will receive a Census form in March 2010, either by mail or in person from a census worker. Households should complete and return their forms upon receipt.

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Step 3:

- Census Day is April 1, 2010. Responses to the Census form should include everyone living at your address. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

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Step 4:

- Follow-up because every person matters. Addresses that still have not responded are visited in person by a Census worker beginning in late April through July. (Census workers can be identified by a Census badge and bag.)

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Step 5:

- The results are in! The Census Bureau will provide the 2010 apportionment counts to the President by December 31, 2010, which will include the total population counts and the number of representatives for each state.

Where

should you be counted?

- Most people should be counted in the residence in which they live or sleep most of the time. However, some individuals or groups have unique living situations. The Census Bureau residence rule helps make it clear where people should be counted. Common situations include...

Where

should you be counted?

Typical living situations:

- Live at their home and nowhere else – Counted at their home.
- On vacation or a business trip – Counted at the home where they live and sleep most of the time.
- Live no one place regularly OR experiencing homelessness – Counted at the residence in which they are staying on Census Day – April 1, 2010.

Where

should you be counted?

People in places where groups of people live:

- Places where groups of people live, such as group homes, jails or prisons, domestic violence shelters, and emergency or transitional shelters for people experiencing homelessness – Counted at the group location, such as a group home.
- Care providers that reside and sleep at a group home most of the time – Counted at the group home.
- Care providers that reside and sleep at their own residence most of the time – Counted at their home.

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U.S. Military personnel:

- Living in barracks in the United States – Counted at the barracks.
- On base or off base in the United States, but not in barracks – Counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time.
- In the military and living overseas – Counted using the military's records for home address.

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College students:

- Live with their parents while attending college in the United States – Counted at parental home.
- Live away from the parental home while attending college in the United States – Counted at on-campus or off-campus housing.
- Attend college outside the United States – Not counted in the census.

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Foreign citizens in the United States:

- Citizens of foreign countries living in United States – Counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time.
- Foreign Workers with H1B Work Visa and their families that are in the United States – Counted in the residence where they live and sleep most of the time.
- Foreign citizens visiting the United States on a vacation or business trip – Not counted in the Census.

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Foreign citizens in the United States:

- All undocumented and documented individuals living in United States – Counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time.
- Note, there are no questions about whether or not a person is documented.
- No information is shared with INS.
- No information is shared with ICE.

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People on the move:

- People staying at more than one place (like a vacation home) or at a transitory location, such as recreational vehicle (RV) parks, campgrounds, marinas, racetracks, circuses, carnivals, or migrant workers – Counted at the residence where they live and sleep most of the time.
- Note, if time is divided equally among two or more locations, then use residence on Census Day – April 1, 2010.

How will people be counted...

complete a form, get assistance or be interviewed

Census Questionnaire (Form):

- Every residence in Connecticut will receive a printed Census Questionnaire in the mail or will be delivered by a Census worker in March 2010.
- Complete the form and return it in the envelope no later than April 1, 2010. No postage necessary.

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Assistance with your Census Questionnaire (Form):

- There will be telephone assistance available in 6 major languages – English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian and Portuguese.
- A care provider can assist in completing the form when requested by the client.

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Assistance with your Census Questionnaire (Form):

- There will be Questionnaire Assistance Centers located in many communities, where Census workers will assist the public in completing their form. A list of Centers will be provided at www.2010census.gov.
- Each Center will provide printed language guides in 59 different languages.
- Be Counted sites will also be listed where persons who may have been missed or lost their form can be counted.

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Group homes and facilities:

- During February and March 2010, a census worker will visit every group home and facility where people may live to explain the two methods of how the census may be conducted.
- During April and May 2010, either 1) Census workers count/interview each person; OR 2) staff distribute questionnaires to individuals and then collect the completed questionnaires for pick up by census worker.
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Personal Interview:

- During May, June and July, 2010 when a questionnaire is not returned from an address, a Census worker will visit that address in person for a follow-up interview or determine that it is vacant. (Census workers can be identified by a Census badge and bag.)

Thank You...

- A great resource about the 2010 Census is www.2010census.gov.
- Specific questions can be directed to the closest Local Census Office (LCO) in Connecticut or email to Jim Palma at James.G.Palma@census.gov.
- Bridgeport LCO – (203) 993-8010 – Sherri Wood
- Hartford LCO – (860) 768-9110 – Jim Palma
- New Britain LCO – (860) 348-8160 – Jewel McKenzie
- New Haven LCO – (203) 404-0920 – Alex Goetz
- Norwich LCO – (860) 367-8340 – Sherri Wood
- Waterbury LCO – (203) 721-8250 – Sheila Torres